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SUBJECT: Interagency Group (IG) Meeting on Bonn Summit

This is to confirm that the Interagency Group on the Bonn NATO Summit will meet on Wednesday, April 21, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 6226, Department of State. The topic for discussion will be the defense charter. You should already have DOD's draft. Attached is an alternative approach.

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 L. Paul Bremer, III
 Executive Secretary

Attachment:

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The enduring objective of the Alliance is to provide security to the member nations, thus ensuring for their peoples the enjoyment of those rights and values that their democratic systems of government guarantee. To ensure this security in the future as in the past, the Alliance members participating in the integrated military structure will put special emphasis on eliminating deficiencies in conventional forces, so that the Alliance will have an adequate mix of both conventional and nuclear forces. Alliance leaders are convinced that these efforts will make an essential contribution to the maintenance of international peace and stability and have agreed on the following:

1. A goal of the Alliance is to significantly improve the conventional military strength of the Alliance within the next five years as an essential contribution to the maintenance of an adequate deterrent and the strategy of flexible response.
2. In spite of the significantly increased military threat to Alliance interests, the members of the Alliance possess all the necessary material and human resources needed for this task.
3. The leaders of the United States and Canada restated their nations' commitment to maintain their conventional force presence in Europe, and the other Allies agreed that they were no less committed to maintain and improve the readiness of their standing forces.
4. The NATO Force Goals for 1983-1988, which have recently been established, are designed to correct the most critical deficiencies in conventional capability, and the Heads of Government pledged their nations to make every effort to carry them out fully in the time frame indicated.
5. In addition to meeting fully the NATO Force Goals, the Allies pledged to increase conventional defense above that level as the economic situation improves.
6. The leaders agreed that meeting the goals of the Charter will be assisted by completion of the recently mandated review of NATO defense planning procedures, which have the dual aim of

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providing for full coordination of the various ongoing defense programs and ensuring that the best possible use is made of available resources through establishment of overall priorities.

7. In addition to strengthening the existing force planning process, the leaders agreed that planning should include the need to offset with additional conventional forces the efforts by certain Allies to meet common challenges outside of the Treaty Area. Special emphasis should be put on improving the readiness of reserve forces and organizing additional units.

8. While there has been significant progress in improving the rapid reinforcement capability of the Alliance, these efforts must continue. In this regard, the Allies applauded the example of the recently concluded agreement for Host Nation Support of US reinforcements by the the Federal Republic of Germany.

9. A renewed effort will be made to improve efficiency, control equipment costs, and achieve better rationalization, standardization and interoperability.

10. Recognizing the advantage of the West in developing new technologies, Allied leaders agreed that a study should be completed on an urgent basis concerning the application of new technologies to conventional defense.

11. The leaders agreed that there must be improvements in ongoing efforts to ensure that the Western potential to provide measurable improvements to deterrence through the application of new technology is not eroded by Warsaw Pact access to that technology.

12. NATO military authorities were directed to provide periodic reports on priority conventional force improvements programs and on Allied performance in meeting Alliance goals and commitments.

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